**Educators' Praise** 

At UIL Breakfast

work of the Interscholastic League

by Chancellor of The University

of Texas James P. Hart, when he

addressed the 28th annual League

At the Gunter Hotel in San

Antonio, approximately 150 ad-

ministrators heard the new head

of the University system call

for a realistic preparation for

citizenship through education.

Chancellor Hart's address is

printed in full in this issue, be-

ginning at the bottom of this

The League Breakfasters also

heard Dr. T. S. Painter, President

introducing the Chancellor, declare

that he and other University of-

the areas in which it is working.

He stated that he had seen first-

hand the values of the training

given through League work, for

valuable lessons: (1) Self discip-

line; (2) The benefits of hard

work; (3) The pleasures and

Dr. Painter stated that the

League teaches these things, which

go far toward assuring success in

Before the introduction of the

Dr. W. T. White, President

of the American Association of

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You Can Still Write

At the League Breakfast

during the TMTA meeting in

San Antonio, a number of ad-

ministrators asked that testi-

monial letters presented to

Dean T. H. Shelby and Direc-

tor Emeritus Roy Bedichek not

be bound before they could add

The binding job is still being

held up, awaiting any additional

letters which schoolmen may

write to express their apprecia-

tion of the work of these two

men. If you wish to add your

letter to the more than 100 al-

do so promptly. Address the

letter to Dean Shelby or Mr.

J. Kidd, League Director.

their letters to the group.

Those Two Letters

values of co-operation.

life, extremely well.

Breakfast for the TSTA.

ferences are scheduled for Janu- and Budge Threlkeld of Texas ary. Two come on January 20, at A&I, and Bruce Roach, director Georgetown and Kingsville. The of speech activities for the Inthird will be on January 27, at terscholastic League.

head of the Speech Department of strations. Texas College of Arts and In- The journalism section will have

Registration for the Kingsville on make-up. conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. Program plans call for the The General Assembly and wel- Kingsville session to end by 3:30 come will come at 9:30, and sec- p.m. tional meetings in debate, drama, The Georgetown conference and journalism will begin at 9:45. program plans are not quite so far After lunch, declamation and ex- advanced as those for the Kingsthe journalism group will continue Springer, Arthur Hayes of the its session at the same hour.

consultants will be Edgar G. Shel- as consultants. ton and Harry Ullom, directors of Texas and A&I respectively.

tion of Mrs. E. B. Morrison. speech activities.

for the majority of schools than it | UIL."

drawal,' and (2) the inequality of

probably put the long playoff

schedule (five games) and the

competition within our own city.

plished something."

Letters and Comments

On Reclassification

"I am highly in favor of the new ing up competition, particularly in

the city schools for their "with- due to the distances involved."

reclassification. I believe it will playoff game between the AAA

It will be better financially and the last 10 years you will find permit us to make a decent that very few schools with an en-

Three Student Activities Con-| Consultants will be Dr. Skinner

Skinner, Roach and Threlkeld Chairman for the South Texas will serve as consultants for the Conference is Dr. Ted Skinner, declamation and extemp demon-

dustries. Chairman of the Central as its chairman Superintendent Texas Conference is Dr. Angus T. E. McCollum of the McAllen Springer, head of the Southwest- Public Schools. The program will ern University Speech Depart- include a talk by a newspaper ment. W. T. Barrett, principal of editor and a workshop. Workshop Odessa High School, will be chair- consultants will include Bob Mcman of the West Texas Con- Glamery of the Kingsville Record, on sports; Delmer Ashworth, di-All three conferences will in- rector of publicity for A&I, on clude both speech and journal- columns and editorials; Alan Scott ism sections, and in Kingsville of the School of Journalism, U of the program will also cover a T, on business problems; James L. special section for teachers of Rogers, of the Department of English who are interested in Journalism, A&I, on news writing; building up interest in writing and Bluford Destir, director of journalism, Interscholastic League,

temporaneous speech sectional ville meeting. Consultants in the meetings will begin at 1:15, and speech sections will include Dr. University of Texas Speech De-Demonstration debaters will partment, and Southwestern Unicome from Alice High School, versity faculty members. In journcoached by N. M. Masters, and alism, Miss Mary Elizabeth Fox of from Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High Southwestern and Dr. Dewitt Red- tus of the University Interscholas- History can be dry stuff, but it's School, Gordon Lee coach. Debate dick of the University will serve tic League, last month won new a good bet that League history will

forensics for the University of Odessa Conference will include a new Texas classic, "Adventures Professor Granville Price, U of T of a Texas Naturalist," he was Drama section delegates will School of Journalism, and Bluford given the Carr P. Collins award see a demonstration act from Hestir. Bruce Roach and James for "Karankaway Country," the "The Fool" presented by Cuero | Moll of the U of T Department of "best Texas book of the year." High School, under the direc- Drama will be consultants in



ROY BEDICHEK—Author of the "best Texas book" of the year is here occupied in one of many talks by phone with League members. He's probably saying, "No".

## Bedichek's Book Wins \$1,000 Collins Award

Journalism consultants at the widely recognized as the writer of known Bedichek flavoring.

chek's second book. It already seems headed for as great popular

The Collins prize, \$1,000, was

nearly the problem as some of decades, writing thousands of that it is the best thing that has Surely the new 4A conference ity to the field in which he had neen done in the history of the should present a strong champion, long been an expert "amateur"-League. There are a few teams and winning a district championthe study of Texas wild life. The for years, and reclassification ment. The 3A conference should friends expected, knowing his

should certainly have a tendency have some of our outstanding ability to tell a story well. to equalize the competition in most teams of the state, and it is my Mr. Bedichek is already well localities. It is impossible to set opinion that there should be a along on a third book. It will be the competition to please every- championship playoff between the far different from his first two, for one, but I feel that this 'new set- 3A and 4A winners and produce it is to be a history of the Interup' will come nearer to being fair an undisputed champion in the scholastic League. As the director of the League for nearly 30 years, tivity. and an employe in the organiza-Herbert Hopper, Freeport (3A, tion before becoming director, he George W. (Red) Forehand, formerly AA). "Personally I think knows its history from personal Brackenridge (4A, formerly CC), they have done a good job in even-experience during all except about

#### setup in the league. I have not football. However, the new discared for the City Conference trict set-ups are going to raise Sutherland Editing since the first season because of some difficulty in playing off the (1) the criticism directed toward basketball and baseball schedules Student Problem Book

Roy Bedichek, Director Emeri- | four of the years it has existed. honors as an author. Already not be, when spiced with the well-

### Kilgore and Abilene "Karankaway Country" is Bedi- Meets Successful

Student Activities Conferences sales as the first volume from his during the past month attracted main speaker, distinguished guests approximately 1,000 students and were introduced by Dean T. H.

stan Lambert, Publicity Texas High School Coaches polled several outstanding that for their orpinions of The officials of the THSCA ersonal rather than official ber 8, brought the total reached League was organized; Bonner of each conference.

North East Texas delegates College on November 18. Two College played host to approxi- versity. that have dominated their districts ship will be a major accomplish-West Texas State College at Canyon was the scene of the fifth conference for the year, with nearly 300 attending. Already this year more than 3,000 students and teachers have been given expert counseling in their fields of ac-

> Faculty members from six institutions of higher learning took part in the three conferences most recently held. University of Texas and Interscholastic League representatives assisted in all three. Kilgore College, Abilene Christian College, McMurry College, Hardin-Simmons University, Dr. Robert L. Sutherland, Uni- and West Texas State College staff

#### League Work Wins 'Deadline' for Joining League Comes Jan. 15

**Executive Committee Votes** 

Reclassification for Schools

There is less than a month remaining before the deadline comes for paying membership fees in the Interscholastic League. January 15 is the last day for joining the League, and also for signing up with the Interscholastic League Press Conference.

If you have failed to get your school enrolled, and intend to do so this year, the time has come when the job can be delayed but little longer. Send in your fee today.

### Schoolmen Point To Damages Done of The University of Texas, in introducing the Characillar declars

ficials have been most pleased at scholastic League efforts to find, eliminates the situation which has the effectiveness of the League in with the co-operation of athletic existed, where only one school was departments of colleges and uni- eligible in a district and had to versities in this area, a solution vote in all other schools in the disto the problem of uncontrolled re- trict from a lower classification. cruiting of athletes prior to their The new classification will also his two sons had taken part in the debate program and learned three graduation from high school.

Already three conference have reported official acceptance of proposals made at a meeting last April between schoolmen, League officials and representatives of 10 collegiate conferences. A survey is being made of action already taken and planned and will be reported on in the next issue of the Leaguer.

teachers to three regional centers. Shelby, who presided. Among ported in the April Leaguer, were The 80-odd schools represented these were Dr. Painter; Dr. Hen- agreements tentatively accepted presented to the author at the annual banquet of the Texas Institute of Letters on November 17.

The 80-odd schools represented at these three conferences, held between November 18 and December 19.

The 80-odd schools represented derson, who attended the meeting in Abilene in 1910 when the stitute of Letters on November 17.

League was organized; Bonner of each conference.

Dr. W. P. Webb, distinguished his- to that portion of the year follow- December 2 when approximately districts, with 225 member schools. Maco Stewart, Longview, those in the western districts who later the close of football season, torian; Dr. T. A. Rousse, member 2 when approximately districts, with 225 member 3 colors.

(AAA, formerly AA): "I believe have such distances to travel."

[College on November 18 Two of the Executive Committee; and to non-school hours and only after the close of football season, and weeks later, Abilene Christian T. V. Smith of Syracuse Uni- clearance by school authoritien; barring official visitation to college campuses by prospective athletes while participating in a sport; and where visitation is permitted by this limitation, the visitation to be only during non-school

> Behind these agreements were hours of discussion during which faced by each.

So far as the schoolmen and directing. League representatives were concerned, the problems were fully Mrs. Elois Elliott, Co-ordinator stated by the administrators' spokesman. He declared that the is the type of clinic we have from last year, with Lubbock, practices are:

1. Disruptive to the school educational program.

ready received for each, please loss of funds under provisions of choir had an opportunity to sing sences, while boys are visiting col- valuable. The consultant had time ences are: Bedichek, but send it to Rodney lege campuses, cause drops in to demonstrate correct tone pro-

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#### Conferences Set Up Under **Equalized Competition Plan**

many member schools in the In- unanimous vote of the qualified plete, from the bottom-up, reshuffling of conferences.

Including six conferences, carefully graded according to available man-power as determined by enrollment, the reclassification does away with the highly controversial City Conference. The conferences are now called AAAA, AAA, AA, A, B, and Six-Man, for football. Six-Man and B Conferences combine in basketball.

The main purposes of the changes are to equalize competition, and to give each district a sufficient number of schools to insure workable district schedules in all conferences. Previously a make unlikely the domination of some districts by one school.

Under the new competition plan, AAAA Conference schools will include those with enrollment of 850 or more. Schools with an enrollment of 750 to 849 can be voted

# **Five Choral Clinics** The proposals, which were re-orted in the April Leaguer were Draw Over 2,300

rushed over the 2300 mark on B will compete in nine regions, 36 Lubbock and Nacogdoches.

For the first time, two workshops were held on the same day in different parts of the state. More than 1,000 students registered at the workshop cosponsored by the League and rexas Technological College at Directors General

Thirty-one teachers and adminiall parties concerned presented strators attended the luncheon gional contests to be held in the background information bearing discussion in the Navajo Room spring have accepted assignments, on the problem. The final action of the Hilton Hotel where Dr. R. J. Kidd, Director of the Interrepresented a realistic recognition Gene Hemmle, host for the occaby both school men and college sion, led a discussion designed to conference leaders of the problems assist teachers in the solution of problems pertinent to choral

In commenting on the clinic, of Music in Lubbock, says, "This wanted for a long time. It is a Brownwood, Ysleta, Dallas, Kilwonderful inspiration to the stu- gore, Nacogdoches, Huntsville, dents who sang and also to the Kingsville, San Marcos and Odessa 2. Subjecting the schools to students who were auditing. Each playing host again.

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Reclassification, long desired by into the highest conference by a terscholastic League, became a member schools. No school, acfact November 29, when the State cording to the Executive Commit-Executive Committee voted a com- tee directive, will be allowed to compete in this class if it has less than 750 enrolled in the last four

> Conference AAA figures are 450 to 849, with member schools being given the right to vote in, by unanimous vote, schools with 375 to 449 students. Conference AA includes schools with 200 through 449, and may vote in schools with 175 to 199 enrollment.

Conference A includes schools with 115 through 199, and may vote in schools with 100 to 114 enrollment. Conference B will include all schools with enrollment of 114 and under, which wish to play 11-man football. Six-Man Conference will continue to have Progress is being made in Internumber of districts had as few as
three conference games. It also
Conference will continue to have
a top limit of 100 enrollment for its schools.

> Under the new plan, there will be state championship play-offs for the top four conferences in football. Conferences B and Six-Man will play to regional titles. Conferences AAAA and AAA will ballot by conferences as to whether or not there will be a final play-off between the Conference AAAA state champion and the Conference AAA state champion.

In basketball, there will be five state championships decided at the annual tournament in Gregory Gymnasium at the University of Texas.

In both the 4-A and the 3-A Conferences, there will be eight districts, with approximately 50 teams in each. Conference AA membership will include 175 schools. Conference A memberably remain at about the same level as for this year, 167 teams.

# **Kidd Announces 10**

Directors General for all rescholastic League, has announced. Ten regional sites have been named to handle the contests in the five Class AA, seven Class A, and eight Class B regions. A Director General will head the contests for one or more conferences' contests at each site.

Directors General, and sites for the Gilmer-Aikin Act, because ab- and hear comments which are each region of the three confer-

Region I, Conferences AA, A. and B, T. B. Livingston, Texas

Tech, Lubbock. Region II, Conference AA, J. M.

Hanks, Superintendent, Ysleta Public Schools, Lsleta. Region II, Conferences A and

B, Dr. Z. T. Huff, Dean, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.

Region III, Conferences AA, A and B, Dr. C. L. Wisseman, Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Region IV, Conference AA, Lawrence Franks, Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacog-

doches. Region IV, Conferences A and B. Dr. B. E. Masters, President, Kilgore College, Kilgore.

Region V, Conference AA, Dr. Eldon D. Brinley, A&I College, Kingsville.

Region V, Conferences A and B. Albert Kidd, Sam Houston State College, Huntsville.

Region VI, Conferences A and B. Dr. Pat H. Norwood, Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos. Region VII, Conferences A and lege. Kingsville.

Region VIII, Conference B. Odessa Public Schools, Odessa.

Buck Prejean, Lufkin (AAA, versity of Texas Hogg Foundation members played major roles in Of course, we won't win as formerly AA). "I think the new for Mental Hygiene director, is the conferences in their areas, many games playing the extremely set-up is an improvement. It is editing a brochure on student making possible their success. large schools like Austin and Cor- true that it has created some travel problems on college campuses. It Chairmen for the conferences pus Christi, but when we do win, problems; but I think that the will be published in an American were Dr. B. E. Masters, President we will feel like we have accom- League has really tried to arrange Council on Education series. Dr. of Kilgore College; Dr. Fred Barthe set-up so that the smaller Sutherland was chairman of an ton, head of the Speech Departschool of the old AA will have a American Council on Education ment, ACC; and Crannell Tolliver, I. B. Griffith, Silsbee (AA, for- better chance now of at least play- committee which studied that sub- head of the Speech Department, merly A). "I don't see how the ing for the state championship, ject. League could have improved this assuming that there is to be a

E. D. Shurter was the head of ing founded it, according to my understanding, about seven or eight years previously. Among his many good qualities, Professor Shurter had a contagious enthusiasm for participation in public speaking contests, and particularly debating. I caught some of that enthusiasm from him, because he always seemed to have time to talk with me and other high school students about our debates.

the west side of the Forty Acres tion and delivery of speeches, was cussion of this subject, before a the work of the Interscholastic (Continued on p. 3, col. 3)

#### help football over the state. It actually cut down our travel some. It will be better financially and the last 10 years you will find at The University of Texas, of inestimable value to the boys group of trained educations, with League. facing on Guadalupe Street, and and girls who took part in the a considerable amount of defer- When Rodney Kidd called me

(The following is the text of the address given by James P. Hart, Chancellor of The University of Texas, at the 28th Annual Interscholastic League Breakfast, Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Nov. 24, 1950.) rollment under a thousand have Herman Fitts, Kirbyville (AA,

I am very happy to be invited to address you this morning, not only association, but also because I feel that perhaps in addressing you today at this breakfast sponsored by the University Interscholastic League, I can in some measure repay the debt which I feel that I owe to the League. Certainly one the last three grades (10, 11, and of the strongest influences in my

At that time, if I remember correctly, the headquarters of the Interscholastic League were Chatter Allen, Beaumont (4A, located in a wooden shack on (Continued on p. 2, col. 3)

known as "I" Hall. Professor debating contests, regardless of ence. However, I take comfort in side of the law, have much in comwhether they won or lost. It was the fact that in some respects, the mon. the Interscholastic League, hav- certainly one of the happiest days professions of education and the Both education and the law are of my life, when, with my very law, and particularly the judicial public professions, in that their close friend, James R. Hamilton, decide cases according to what it primary purpose is to serve the Jr., I won the final in the State might believe to be the wishes of public welfare, the one by training Debating Contest. But the main a majority of the voters. Never- youth for citizenship, and the value to me, as to all others who theless, it is true that a court other by administering justice. participated in these contests, was whose decisions violate deep-seated Both education and the law, as not in the winning but in the edu- views of common justice which are professions, must have public supcational process which each of us entertained by people in general port in various ways. Teachers as several weeks ago and asked me will run the serious risk of losing well as judges draw their salaries the subject of my talk, I gave him went through in the preparation from the public treasury. But the the title which has been correctly for and the actual participation in essential public support relates not quoted this morning, "Education the debating contests. So I feel only to the pay which makes it - A Realistic Preparation for that I am one of the thousands possible for teachers and judges Even at that time, the League, Citizenship." I must confess that who owe a great deal to the Inter- to live, but also to the moral supthrough the Package Loan Library, as a novice in the field of educa- scholastic League for its contribu- port coming from the approval of furnished a wealth of material on tion, and as one who has spent tions to their education, and I am their actions. I certainly would B, Dr. Eldon D. Brinley, A&I Colthe subject of debates for the cur- nearly all of his adult life in the happy today to acknowledge that not be one to take the position rent year. The reading of that practice of the law and in holding debt and to make what contribu- that any court should yield to material, as well as the prepara- judicial office, I approach the dis- tion I can toward the support of popular clamor or that it should W. A. Miller, Superintendent,

greater distances to travel in the formerly A). "We're tickled to playoff on the schools least able to death. We are in a league now afford it; but I realize that there with schools our size and can because of the high esteem in are so many schools this size that compete. It will be much better which I hold the members of this reclassification would have been for us." impossible any other way." Howard Harris, Harlandale, San Dan Stallworth, Baytown (4A,

Making 32 districts in Class AA been in the state finals."

Antonio (AAA, formerly AA). formerly AA): "I like it. It will "I think that the new arrangement keep some schools who have easy of districts is fine. I'll like to see district schedules from sitting back one more thing accomplished: in high schools where there are only all fall waiting for the playoff." J. L. McCullough, Conroe (AAA, 12) I would like to count only the education during the time I was in formerly AA): "I think it was a students in those when making high school was my participation wise move. Although we have en- classification for League competi- in contests sponsored by the Interjoyed our competition in our tion. I believe a playoff between scholastic League. present setup, this will place us in AAA and 4A would be a fine thing our immediate trade area, and I if accomplished by Christmas."

Bill Bush, Ball High, Galveston

suppose that will be better."

(4A, formerly AA). "We at Ball

being asked to face honestly the question of the place which championship races. major athletics will have in the educational system each administrator controls.

For a number of years, the Legislative Advisory Council and officials of the Interscholastic League have been quite aware that under the existing classification set-up, great inequalities in competition existed, and were producing in state over will face up to the questions posed by the new some schools situations quite far afield from sound educa- plan, and that the result will be a resounding endorsement tional principles. During these years the Council and the of an honest effort to place our major sports on a sound Executive Committee have been struggling with the prob- educational basis. lem of better alignment of schools for athletic competition. At last, the men who make up these agencies believe a real, sound solution has been offered the member schools. It is the firm belief in the League Office that the reception given this plan will be a clear indication of the administrators' willingness to face realistically, and with sound educational factors as their guide, the situation which exists.

Take a look at the situation as it has existed:

In many football districts it was a foregone conclusion mean bigger crowds and better League on reclassification. A big School, San Antonio, published a discussed in this column. Many of at the beginning of the season what team would win the financing for our athletic pro- job well done. The school people printed paper for the first time, you asked, this year, for a discusdistrict title. In some districts the same school has won grams In my opinion the League's appreciate the roll of the UIL. and did a very good job of it. sion of methods for refreshing old the championship for five to nine years straight running.

It has been pointed out many times that small schools a team to be voted into a higher often compete in football against schools so big that their classification." large squads of reserve man-power render the competition far too strenuous for the strength of the smaller squad. Small squads were being required week after week to play Brownwood are really pleased over thing, I do think you did a grand far "over their heads" against large squads that could, by the UIL's new classification) set- job and that you did completely sheer man-power, generally whip down the smaller group, up. I think it is the greatest step eliminate the worst feature—disto the physical detriment of the over-exerted boys.

On the other hand, there are a number of large schools case, for instance, Abilene and San small ones. I also want to approve in the state that take part in only the athletic contests of Angelo have more students in one thoroughly the plan of a play-off the League, with the chief emphasis on football. Some of class than we had in our entire between the top two classificathese large schools employ a full staff of football coaches with them. I don't know just how pal, Corsicana High School. from the high school down through the grade schools.

These same schools have the money to employ the best coaches in the state. A few of them permit the football coach to devote his full time to that one activity, without able to hold our own. I just hope a step which we have needed record again proves him well any regular classroom assignments.

The smaller school does not have the money to employ a similar staff; hence it must compete against the larger school with less man-power on the staff, and with less than half the number of boys from which to build a team.

None of these things are sound educationally, for they result in constant victories and regular defeats, in overemphasis or in apathy where constructive effort is badly playoff. I have always felt that needed, in overtaxing the physical resources of some few the north had an easier route to the north had an easier route to the new set-up in the Inter-

The classification plan now offered places the competiAustin. As it is now they don't two summers in the National Park readership of a story, it is rarely two summers in the National Park readership of a story, it is rarely phase of music education. This tion in all conferences on a sounder basis, because its basic have a really tough game in the lent job. I know there will be those service where "I met many inter- necessary to have more than a has been brought to our attention



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# Check That Receipt

Closing date for payment of League Membership fee is set by the Constitution and Rules as January 15.

Every effort is made to caution schools on this point, but every year some few schools wake up when it is too late. Sometimes the principal thinks the superintendent has attended to the matter, while the superintendent is certain that he has entrusted the matter to the principal or to a

The only safe thing to do is to look up the receipt and see if it is up to date.

Don't let the date slip up on you, if you have not paid the membership fee.

# Spring Weet Plans

Assignments to Spring Meet Districts will be announced in the January issue of the Leaguer. The City Conference Meet will be abandoned this Spring in all probability, and and compared their own singing causing administrator - community each. Write Interscholastic League and compared their own singing causing administrator - community each. Write Interscholastic League and Compared their own singing causing administrator - community each. Write Interscholastic League and Compared their own singing causing administrator - community each. Write Interscholastic League and Compared their own singing causing administrator - community each. Write Interscholastic League and Compared their own singing causing administrator - community each. the schools in these districts will be assigned to Conference was a sight I've missed for years. misunderstanding when a player AA. The number of Regions in Conference AA will be in- Now they know where they are fails his school work as a result of when bulletins or o creased from five to eight.

With the number of individual contestants involved, it there. Let's have more than one leges. would be next to impossible to hold and finance a State workshop during the year." Meet by Conferences as they exist in football and basket- four and five in the series, followed ball. Furthermore, contests in Spring Meet events are on by two weeks the clinic co-sponindividual, rather than team basis, and are free from the sored by the University Inter-

personal contact phases such as occur in bodily-contact games.

The A and B Conferences will remain as they were last Spring, with seven Regions in Conference A and eight

Scholastic League and the University of Texas School of Fine Arts at Austin on November 18. Four hundred students and teachers worked with Dr. Gene College representatives moving 1951—52, as stamped, not 1950—51 as given the school through the presence of the scho Regions in Conference B.

"The time has come, the Wallrus said,"—to face the prob- purpose is to equalize competition in all divisions. Under power and other resources, are grouped into districts hav-The time has come when administrators of the state are ing geographical continuity, thus assuring even and orderly

> The response thus far from member schools to the new classification has been most gratifying. Letters to the State Office have come from all sections of the state, commending the action of the State Executive Committee. It is the sincere hope of League officials that administrators the

### Letters and Comments On Reclassification

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formerly AA). "Although the competition will be stiffer, it will Denton congratulates the unonimous approval necessary for ent, Denton Public Schools.

(AAA, formerly AA). "We in claim complete approval of every- alists. that has ever been made toward tricts that had one very large equalizing competition. Take our school and only two or three very school. We just couldn't compete tions .\_\_ R. A. Armistead, Princiwe will stack up in the new group, but on paper at least we will be

all that will be changed."

We have received your list of tentative assignments for the I think you have done a very AAAA Conference. We might good job on the reclassification say in passing that we are very business but there will likely be new arrangement .- C. A. Thomp- Superintendent, Claude Schools.

son, Principal, Polytechnic High In City Conference School, Fort Worth.

I wish to congratulate you for

of this area in the semi-finals. Now whole I think it will suit most interesting things." everybody .- C. A. Cryer, Superintendent of Borger Schools.

#### Attendance at Choral Clinics Climbs to More Than 2,300

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duction which is the foundation of all thrilling choir performances. son High School in San Antonio

ful to Texas Technological College, rience." the Lubbock Public Schools and the University Interscholastic League for sponsoring the clinic."

While Dr. Archie Jones of the University of Texas School of Fine Arts was acting as consultant for the workshop in Lubbock, Don Morton, Head of the Fine Arts Department at Tarleton State College in Stephenville, was working with an enthusiastic group of students from schools in East Texas on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State College in Nacogdoches.

During the luncheon discussion where attending teachers were guests of Dr. Frederick Baum- average daily attendance. going and they're going to get frequent absences for visits to col-

Both these workshops, numbers

College on that occasion. In commenting on that work-

I wish we could have a similar states, "The choral workshop proclinic for junior high school groups vides an excellent opportunity for the students to evaluate them-One of the administrators at- selves and it sets recognizable tending the workshop in Lubbock, standards for them to work to-W. O. Cherry, Superintendent of ward. It is of inestimable value Schools at Lorenzo, states, "This to students and directors alike is the first opportunity like this in providing answers to classcur choral group has had. Dr. room questions and difficulties. Jones was an inspiration to our The workshop was a thoroughly group and we are deeply grate- worthwhile and enjoyable expe- MABANK

The last workshop in this series is to be co-sponsored by the League and West Texas State College in TRINIDAD Canyon on January 20, 1951. Dr. Chester Francis of the University

Trinidad High School has been suspended in football for the 1951 season for mistreatment of game officials. of Oklahoma will serve as con- BIG SANDY SUSPENDED make plans to attend.

## Schoolmen Relate **Recruiting Dangers**

(Continued from p. 1)

gartner and the College, Virginia 3. Causing a serious adminis-Gail Howard, choral director from Longview, commented, "The workshop is the most inspiring ex-lationship, injuring student gov-lations a dministrative problem by affecting class trative problem by affecting class pended in baseball for the 1950-51 season because of mistreatment of a game official in the Holland-Rogers game during the 1949-50 season. perience of my career as a choral ernmental operation by removing GIRLS' BASKETBALL 

> 4. Hurting colleges themselves, by making the boys weaker scholastically if they do succeed in graduating, and thereby causing them to fail in their freshman year in college.

| Hemmle of Texas Technological among the student body.



JACK WALKER

# **Jack Walker Takes** Journalism Medal

stroke of genius was in making Chester Strickland, Superintend- But the Bear Tracks' achieve- news, or of preventing aging news ments did not stop with that. It from going stale before it reaches also, with the help of its adviser the readers. Let me compliment you and and instructor in journalism, Mrs. others who designed the reorgani- Mary K. Reid, produced the cham-Abe Houston, Brownwood zation plan. Although I cannot pion of City Conference journ-

Jack Orville Walker, sports editor of the BEAR TRACKS last year, walked off with top honors in a closely contested match in Houston at the City Conference State Meet. And to underline the fact that he did an outstanding job, he has chosen journalism as a career, and is now enrolled at The Unisity of Texas.

Wide interests and proficiency in thrown in with schools our own the job you have done in forming many of them are always desirable size, and I believe that we will be the new "B" Conference. It is attributes for journalists. Jack's that this will remain on a perm- Small schools such as West Oso qualified for the high honor. In must play football if they are to addition to his chores as sports keep the morale of their students editor, he lettered two years as a John Tomlin, Port Arthur (4A, and the people of their community. varsity trackman, winning or

Jack's hobbies are as varied as his activities, including reading, sports, free lance writing and hiking. As a student he rated National Honor Society membership for two years, Quill and Scroll, and the Student Council for three years.

Jack is the son of John Garland Walker, Sr., Rt. 2, Box 132 KK, San Antonio.

**USE OF GAS BOOMS** 

shop, Mrs. D. Thorman from Edi- for lighting as far back as the time before an audience, or that were once advanced against the early 1800's, it is only in the last Joe Jones, the main speaker, had classifications for music Competi-15 years that it has been ex- to walk two miles, after his car tion. You remember that adminitensively used in homes and in- broke down, to keep his speaking strators and music teachers alike dustries.



TULOSO-MIDWAY

Aqua Dulce has been placed on probation for the 1951 football season for mistreatment of game officials.

HOLLAND SÚSPENDED

When bulletins or other printed ma-terial purchased from the Interscholstic League are found to contain faulty pages, please return them to the League

per copy; 50 cents per dozen; \$3.00 per hundred.

High School Press

## You Can Make Old News Fresher

this year, and which will be sent a repetitive nature. enrollment blank.

Those of you who have sent in enrollment sheets will remember that one of the blanks on the sheet is for you to express a pref-

Since you are publishing for a compact "community," where most of the bigger news is circulated by word of mouth long before you can get it into print, you are obviously at a disadvantage in making old news appeal to readers. A partial answer to the problem of making your paper more newsworthy is contained in the futures book pamphlet which has been sent to all member papers. Obviously, if you look and plan ahead and write up stories which are going to happen, the news will be fresher. School papers must, ure on futures stories for genuinely fresh news.

ferent ways in which to approach casm one of these days. I went. may not advance in classification formerly AA). "We are well It has been bad that it was neces- placing in many meets during his the old news facts so that they We are beginning work on the This may be good or it may be pleased with it. It should have sary that they be beaten as they two years. He also served, as a take on new life. As listed be-assignments to elementary school tad. There may be factors which been done long ago. It will not have been by the schools now in senior last year, as the president low they are progressively furarea meets. If your elementary are more important to the developonly equalize competition within the A Conference."—W. E. Hall, of the Edison Student Council ther and further away from gen-school hasn't informed this office the various districts, but will also Superintendent, West Oso School and held other class and club of- uine news stories in their handling, that you are interested in this than mere enrollment in a high fices. He served as the official but in all cases they give you a phase of music competition, you school. However, it is entirely the finals than the southern champ- for the new set-up in the Inter- Charleston, W. Va. As if all this before your paper reaches the which have sent in the special ion. Then, for instance, take scholastic League As far as we were not enough, Jack also worked reader. Remember that to insure card or those which have informed basket" and overdevelop one playoff until they hit the champion who will be unhappy, but on the esting people and learned many few new facts or angles worked that many schools which entered into the old. These will add sea-bands, orchestras and choral soning to the old facts and result in the complete story's being read.

> able to the student readers. For elementary school groups will not basketball will be governed by statistics on a game constitute a meets this year—only in the Area group of facts of this type. Statistical highlights can be worked into the lead or made the chief facts of the lead. In an assembly Although the people of the report, the fact that Suzie Smith tions for football and basketball United States used natural gas was singing "Irene" for the 19th will renew the objections which engagement, may be facts of this objected to playing AA football type. Remember that you may use and basketball while participating a straight news lead, or that you in Class B music competition, etc. a predominantly news story. This music competition back in 1947

2. You can play up more recent is centered. For example, in a rerence AA football, but are still game story, the more recent development may be that fullback Bull Fumblebum has stated that the game-winning touchdown pass pose the following changes to bewent to a technically ineligible re- come effective in music competiceiver, but the officials failed tion during the school year 1951sultant for that occasion. Schools in that area are encouraged to make plans to attend.

Big Sandy has been placed on probation in football for the 1951 season because of mistreatment of game officials in the Big Sandy-Hallsville game on Sept. 15, slightly hurt a week after the advice of the Advisory Committee letters written to each of them by program, on the day the paper of T.M.E.A. and the Regional Ex- more than 100 administrators went to press, might enable you ecutive Comittees before we put throughout the state. The letters Tuloso-Midway has been placed on probation for the 1951 football season for failure to insure proper protection for game lead to an old affair. The rush As you know, experiments of the control of the season for failure to insure proper protection for game lead to an old affair. The rush As you know, experiments of the control of the c to prepare uniform skirts and ball and basketball are set up in service as Chairman of the State trousers for the cheer leaders five conferences: AAAA, 850 and Executive Committee, and Mr. might constitute the new development to their election.

> 3. Somewhat similar to No. 2, is the story which emphasizes the up is that schools with 750-849 the League. consequences of the old news, working in full details of the old facts with a discussion of the consequences. For example, the whole school may be whistling a catchy injuries. Or definite action may be taken as the result of recommendations made by a committee, panel, or speaker several days earlier. The FFA boy who sold his prize baby beef days ago, may have just blossomed out in a new pair of boots one day before presstime.

4. Already many of you are pule is still in effect during the 1950-51 district football game. Into the move to AA; and, schools with on refrigerated storehouse designs.

or critical services of ILPC; if you future stories, in which the paper, almost a separate category in itself need help in preparing for the or other agency, promotes some and has broad applications. tives (new prizes, for instance), and conveniently.

at the month's results will go far few of the total.

You will not receive another story on prospects of the game | toward making the old stuff readissue of the Interscholastic you can work many details of the able. For instance, you might Leaguer before the deadline for victory your school won the point out in such a lead that John joining the Interscholastic League previous week from a team which Jacobs has scored at least once in Press Conference has come and had already beaten, or lost to, each of the last four games. Or passed. January 15 is the final Podunk. A run-off election write- that center Bill Butler has recovdate on which you may join ILPC up, listing candidates, would give ered four fumbles in five games. you a chance to report on old elec- Summary leads will also apply to If you wish to get the pamphlets | tion results. Such techniques can | club activities reports, or other which have been mailed already be applied to almost any story of events of a regular nature, and may be used in tying in recent out during the coming months; if 5. Certain types of stories lend stories with similar events from you feel you can use the advisory themselves to use in promotional time past. This latter constitutes

6. Many papers published on a be just as readable when pub-

By F. W. SAVAGE

CORRECTION

F Sharp is made with the second therefore, depend in large meas- of the bows and the diaphragm

groups in the Regional Competition-Festivals last year have not story, facts which are generally designated an interest in the comunknown, unnoticed, or unavailexample, in a sports story, the enter competition in the Regional Elementary Meets.

#### NEW CLASSIFICATION

The recently released classificamay write a news-feature lead for We changed the designations for second type of lead may help you to make them coincide fairly well work in these little-known facts. with the other activities in interschool competition. Now we have developments than those around the same problem. We will still which the main body of the story have schools participating in Con-

in Conference B for music. Just for a starter, let me pro-

may be voted into the AAAA Conference by a unanimous vote of Longview then gave a report to the assigned schools. Likewise, schools of 375-449 may be voted into AAA; 175-199 into AA and 100-114 into A. We propose that music use the

same designations, AAAA, AAA, AA, A and B, as well as our CC and C for Junior High Schools and D for beginning high school groups. In addition to this classification, we propose that schools with an average membership of 750-849 may move into the AAAA class at their own discretion and future stories the details from an 83 of the current Constitution and

annual journalism contests—don't action or event, basing much of 7. News highlights in brief paralet the deadline catch you. Write the appeal on facts from old news. graph form may take the place of to the Director of Journalism, In- For example, the subscription complete reports on old news. If terscholastic League, Box H, Uni- drive which opened days ago can written with snap and vigor, such versity Station, Austin, for an be brought again to the readers' paragraphs will be well read, but attention by introducing new mo- will take care of old stuff quickly and repeating old motives and 8. The final recourse is to feafacts. Recommendations made by turize the old news. Many of the speakers, editorials, councils, etc., methods discussed above lend can be used as the source for themselves to feature treatment. Last year Thomas Edison High erence concerning material to be future action in very much the A feature story on a band or FHA trip which happened days ago may

> monthly basis find it almost em- lished as it would have been the barrassing to run an account of day after the event. Don't over-do each football game or basketball the feature treatment, or your game played in the interim. A paper will cease to be a newspaper. summary lead, giving the won-lost But it will make the handling of picture, the total score picture, or the great mass of old news somesome other across-the-board glance what easier if you con so treat a

Director of Music Activities

100-114 may move to A. This proposal will initiate a

valve; violin students are not s'ightly more stringent control supposed to play with the backs over organizations which have been jumping from one class to used properly is essential to good another. Bands from schools with tone production. My wife told me an average membership of 450-But there are at least eight dif- I would go too far with my sar- 749; 200-374 115-174; and, 0-99 re matter how good they may be. regulation would tend to restrict

> emphasis. As added information to guide Baseball, track and field, dramatics, and all the other events will retain their old status and remain in three classifications similar to AA, A and B. We are cognizant, and I'm sure you are too, of the fact that a school is known as a "AA School" when they play AA football, all other classifications notwithstanding.

cver-development and over-

Let us know your opinions.

## League Work Wins Educators' Praise

(Continued from p. 1)

School Administrators, and Superintendent of Dallas Public Schools, brought greeting to the group. He expressed appreciation for the leadership that the League has given to education in Texas.

As an expression of this appreciation, Dr. White presented to of appreciation were in recogni-As you know, eleven man foot- tion of Dean Shelby's 29 years' over; AAA, 450-849; AA, 200- Bedichek's more than 30 years' 449; A, 115-199; and B, 99 and work with the League as Director under. A complication to this set of Athletics and later Director of

Superintendent H. L. Foster of the group on the work of the Legislative Advisory Council, reviewing its recommendations and the results of the recommendations during the decade the Council has been in operation. Particular emphasis was placed on the recommendations made last month, as reported by the Leaguer in its November issue.

#### Dean Woolrich Plans To Make London Talk

University of Texas Engineering without any vote of the members Dean W. R. Woolrich has accepted using the device of working into (see Note 3 under Section 2, Page an invitation to present a research old event. Your paper comes out Rules.) Likewise, schools with an International Congress on Reon Friday, say. That evening you average membership of 375-499 frigeration next August and Separe to play Podunk Hollow in a may move to AAA; 175-199 may tember in London. He will report



Directors are ordering plays The Wasp by Essex Dane. 2m1w, for possible contest use earlier this year than ever before. The chief reason for this, of course is that the deadline date for enter- and a man she finds to be her ing the One-Act Play Contest this father. Set during the Russian year was December 2. Because Revolution. Conference B winner of this early interest in choosing a in 1949. good contest vehicle, the State Office has received a number of inquiries concerning winning plays of the last several years. We are happy to publish a partial list of recent winners. Directors must remember, however, that the action and direction make a play effec- The Long Christmas Dinner by tive, not script alone.

All of us have seen identical scripts by different directors, and have hardly recognized them as the same play. A good vehicle is choose the best plays possible for AA winner in 1950. their situation, but directors make The Enemy, Act III by Channing a mistake when they think the script will carry the whole production for them. Any good play well done is a potential winner, whether it be drama, comedy, fantasy, or farce. No single type World War. Conference A winner of play, and no particular publishing company has a monopoly on winning plays, as the following Last Flight Over by Alleen Lemon. list will show. One-Act plays that have won the State Contest in recent years are:

Sparkin' by E. P. Conkle. 1m3w, comedy. 40c.

A country boy goes courting, but is unable to come to the point until Granny shows him the way. State winner in 1940.

Beauty and the Jacobin by Booth Tarkington. 2m3w, Samuel French, Roy. on application, drama, 85c, 3 act.

A tense episode in the death Winner in 1941.

Roy. \$10, comedy, 40c.

Pa and Ma and two children

American is brought before the work as an assembly program. Bar of Justice. Winner in 1942. Uses: Assembly

On Vengeance Height by Allan Davis. 2m2w, Samuel French, Roy. \$5, drama, 40c.

A mountaineer grandmother epitomizes the hate which pervades two feuding families. First place

Our Town. Act II, by Thornton Wilder. Characters doubled to meet League rules, Sam-

uel French, Roy. o napplication, 85c, 3 act. Second act includes George's

proposal to Emily and their marriage. Winner in 1946.

Balcony Scene by Donald Elser. 4m4w, Row Peterson, Roy. \$5, fantasy, 50c.

A dead man looks at his own funeral. Won State Meet in 1947.

Roy. \$5, drama, 50c.

his wife into his dream world. his mother is supposed to have Winner of AA Conference in 1948 died at his birth-worked to death rest of the world that they lose a and B conference in 1950.

Roy. \$10, comedy, 50c. A little girl convinces her par-

ents she had a visit with Lincoln. that a 'teen-age boy would remain Conference A winner in 1946. High Window by Verne Powers.

2m3w, Row Peterson, Roy. \$5, drama, 50c. A scheming woman is disclosed as a murderess. Winner of B Con-

ference in 1948. The High Heart by Adelaide C. Rowell. 7m2w, Row Peterson, Roy. \$5, drama, 50c.

A young lady helps a spy in the Civil War. City Conference winner in 1948.

Skin of Our Teeth, Act I, by

race. AA Conference winner in the grave, the dead man comes or by restrictions or regulations portant element of our life. Some the whole world. Dean Shelby and contests which are sponsored by tic public education.

spirit of his children. (Basic through". Pretty good character character of daughter changed to work for a man and a woman. conform to League rules.) Conference A winner in 1949.

Walter Baker (now out of

print), Roy. \$5, drama, 50c. A tense situation between a girl

The Pot Boiler by Alice Gersten-Roy. \$10 and \$5, farce, \$2.50 in book with nine other plays. Satire on the staging of a play.

City Conference winner in 1949. Thornton Wilder. Characters cut to conform to League rules, Samuel French, Roy.

The play covers a period of 90 important, and directors should years in American life. Conference

\$10, play, 40c.

Pollock. 3m3w, Longmans Green, Roy. on application, drama, 90c, 3 act.

An Austrian family tries to keep its honor during the first

3m2w, Row Peterson, Roy. \$5, drama, 50c.

A boy learns the true meaning of pioneering after his mother's Samuel French, Roy. \$5, death. City Conference winner in

> Mystery of Mouldy Manor by Ted Westgate, 4m5w, Row Peterson, Roy. \$10 and \$5., farce,

story devices are introduced: struggle of the aristocracy in the private detectives, mad doctors, sophomore class, and was last year advisability of adding new con-French Revolution. Must be cut strange characters that glide in class editor of the Mexia High tests to the program, and on the meetings followed the general tence for Teachers" to Frank to conform to League rules, and out, giant spiders, snakes, and annual. He was also a member of question of using teachers of one theme of "Meeting the Speech Hubert, Director of Professional on and on. As matter of fact, the the Art Club. author loads his play down with The Happy Journey by Thornton too many items and makes what contest victory was Mrs. John L. committee was appointed by the heard Mouzon Law, University of appointed at a later executive Wilder. 3m3w, Samuel French, should be a hilarious travesty Bates. His parents are Mr. and president to discuss League prob- Texas, give some suggestions committee meeting to draw up into a somewhat heavy farce. The Mrs. J. B. Cannon, 109 S. Kauf- lems with League officials. This based on his experiences in the basic certification requirements characters remind one of the man Street, Mexia. go to Camden to visit a married people in Charles Addams' cardaughter. Took top honors in toons in the New Yorker, but they are not nearly so engaging. Char-John Doe by Bernard V. Dryer, acters do not have a chance to 6mlw, Walter Baker, Roy. \$5, develop much identity since they pop on and off so often. With A man representing the average proper staging the play should

Reviewer's opinion: Fair

Fog on the Valley by Verne Powers. 3m3w, Row Peterson,

Roy. \$10 and \$5, drama, 50c. In this play the author of High Window takes as his theme the hatred of a step-son for his stepmother. Setting is in a cabin overlooking a valley. Play calls for costumes of the 1880's, but with minor changes the play can be moved to the present.

The author has not been entirely consistent in his writing. For example, there seems to have been some hasty proof-reading on somebody's part with reference to the son's age and the time of death of his real mother. In a couple the public confidence which is an Mooncalf Mugford by Duffield and of places references are made to Leary. 2m3w, Dramatic Pub., the death of the mother some six administration of justice. So years previously, but the boy is A half-crazed old man brings revealed as being seventeen, and in the fields. The play depends for Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers by Adrian some of its effect on the build-up Scott. 2m3w, Samuel French, given to the four year silence between step-son and step-mother. (It is somewhat hard to believe silent four years!) In spite of the discrepancies, there is some good writing in the play. An enterwrite the bad parts and use it as a contest play. Uses: Contest

Reviewer's opinion: Fair

Stranger than Fiction by Phoebe Smith. 4m2w, Samuel French. Roy. \$5, drama, 40c.

The action takes place in a Thornton Wilder. Cut and of the newsmen has been killed, double cast to conform to and the police seem to have run League rules, Samuel French, out of clues. A sympathetic news-Roy. on application, drama, paper woman encourages the man to listen to the spirit noises that Fantasy on the survival of the keep bothering him. From beyond back and beats out a message in The Undercurrent by Fay Ehlert. Morse Code. Play sounds trite, but corresponding boards of higher 2m4w, Samuel French, Roy. the writing is rather well done, and a tense situation develops A tyrannical father breaks the when the ghost is "coming

Uses: Contest Reviewer's opinion: Good



JOE CANNON

## berg. 5m2w, Longmans Green, Mexia's Declaimer Wins Conference A Title as Sophomore

tories in declamation for three previous years.

Joe's first triumph came in 1947 Speech in Texas Schools in Junior Declamation, when he won first place in his district. In 1948 he took a third place in the district, and in 1949 he repeated, winning a first in both the district and regional competition.

The outstanding ability as a public speaker which the Mexia High School junior has already displayed will serve him in good stead when he enters his chosen profession, the law. He plans to tors who attended the Speech specialization was taking us. study at either the University of Correction section and the coffee At the business meeting im-Texas or Vanderbilt.

Hunting, fishing and art serve as hobbies for the young orator, but he finds time to take part in many activities around his school. Forum Friday morning, in which Vice-President, Harold Weiss, discussion centered around the He takes part in softball and ten- R. J. Kidd, Director of the League, S.M.U., Dallas; Executive Secre- proposed new certification program nis competition, and was manager was main speaker, followed by re- tary, Crannell Tolliver, West This is a take-off on murder of the football team. He is also ports from J. H. Flathers, Ama- Texas State College, Canyon; Edithe Texas Education Agency. mysteries. All sorts of murder- president of his Junior Class, rillo, and Mrs. Freda Powell, Al- tor-Historian, Arthur Hayes, Uni- (Anyone desiring a copy of the served last year as secretary of the pine. Discussion was held on the versity of Texas, Austin.

Joe's coach for the declamation conference's contests. An advisory ditorium and Elementary section Agency, Austin.) The committee

#### Only 200 Handbooks For Debate Not Sold

Only some 200 copies each of Volumes I and II of the NUEA Debate Handbook remain in the hands of the Interscholastic League. When these are sold, there will be no way of obtaining others.

If you have not obtained your copy of each of these volumes, which are of tremendous value to anyone planning to compete in the League debate contests, do not delay your order. Sales are continuing at a fast clip. The handbooks each contain about 220 pages, and sell for 75 cents each, or \$1.50

New York City schools issued this | Certain areas of our state have, tion in a democracy seeks to effect the actualization of the potentialities of each individual in consonance with, and for the development of, a continuously progressing society." Since this definition brings

into the spotlight the relation of the child to society, it also brings up the importance of speech training as an elementary activity. If a child is to take his place in society, he must be able to communicate. If that communication is to be "continuously progressing," then his speech training must become

The activities program which is

Elementary section.

Highlights of the program in-

The Speech Correction Work-

shop heard Jack L. Bangs, Uni-

versity of Washington, Seattle,

discuss the topic, "The Aphasic

Child." One of the largest

groups at any single sectional

meeting was present at this

The Silver Jubilee Luncheon

was held in the Tapestry Room of

the St. Anthony Hotel with over

100 people present. Jesse Villar-

real, president of the Association.

workshop.

Speech Training for Elementary Grade Students

definition of education: "Educa- however, all but eliminated any conscious speech training for the elementary level. Unfortunately, many of the teacher-training institutions have not yet realized that "unconscious imitation" is not sufficient to eradicate bad speech habits, counteract the effect of foreign language spoken in the home, train adequate voice use, or teach the groundwork for the greatest social tool we possess. In our society few things are of greater importance than what we say and how we say it.

An adequate program must of spreading in progressive school including that of the classroom. given for the regular Junior Decla- cerity in presentation. They should tation. Since the child has the Joe Cannon believes in starting circles gives ample opportunity for Indeed, all elementary teachers, mation Contest as closely as pos- avoid the overly dramatic and general outline of the plot already young. Although he was but a practice in the speech skills. But no matter what their teaching sub- sible. The age for the Sub-Junior "tear-jerker" poems for use by in mind, he can concentrate on sophomore last year when he won teachers and administrators in the ject is, should have a good back- Contest is ten years of age and the youngsters. the Conference A State Champion- elementary school must recognize ground in speech training, so that under. (Article VII, Section 7.) ship in Declamation, he was al- that in addition to the three R's, they can handle the development ready a veteran speaker, with vic- speech must be specifically taught of oral communication in their list of poems to be used by Sub- objectives along with good clear

San Antonio, November 23-25. versity of Texas, who spoke on Morrison, Cuero; Lowell Terry,

Nearly 150 paid-up members at "Our Speech Dilemma" and raised Abilene Christian College; Josh

tended, plus some 400 to 500 visi- the question as to just where over- Roach, TSCW, Denton; Joyce

the following officers were elected

cluded the Interscholastic League Whitworth, Amarillo High School; lege problems. A good deal of the

conference as judges of another Needs of Texas Youth." The Au- Standards, Texas Education

committee consists of J. H. Fla- field of creative dramatics with for speech teachers include: Chair-

thers, Amarillo, chairman; Robert children. Bruce Roach, Univer- man P. Merville Larson, Texas

Capel, Nacogdoches; Mrs. E. B. sity Interscholastic League, talked Technological College; Tom

Morrison, Cuero; Rayford Hol- about the speech program offered Rousse, University of Texas; E. L.

comb, Houston; Glenn Capp, elementary schools through the In- Pross, TCU; Genevieve Arnold,

ior high schools. Mrs. G. W.

Speiser of San Antonio headed

up a panel on these subjects,

with these additional speakers:

Dr. E. W. Robinson, Austin;

Mrs. Dorothy Bardwell, San An-

tonio; Mrs. Helen Barsun, San

sponsored by the Auditorium- mediately following the luncheon,

Waco; Elton Abernathy, San Mar- | terscholastic League.

the Travis Park Methodist Church, speaker was Thomas Rousse, Uni- P. Banvard, Borger; Mrs. E. B. Silver Anniversary idea.

for 1951: President, Mrs. N. N. cussed a ten-point program of col-

Friday afternoon the sectional let "Toward Professional Compe-

The Junior High School sec- | Skinner, A. & I. College; Wilhel-

tion discussed both corrective mina Hedde, Adamson High

Gray, Sherman.

The Interscholastic League is very much interested in doing its part to promote incentive for good speech activities in the elementary schools. For this reason, two speech contests are slanted particularly for the ele-

Director Stresses Vital Importance of Efficient

mentary schools. One of these is Sub-Junior Declamation and the other is Story-Telling. Both of these contests are discussed in the latest Constitution and Rules. (Available from Interscholastic League, Box H, University Station, Austin. Price 25 cents.)

The College and University sec-

tion, headed by Theodore Skinner,

A. & I. College, Kingsville, dis-

for teachers recently published by

ers and others in their own areas

and submit recommendations on

Mrs. Winnie Murphy, Austin,

the certification program.

proposals may write for the book- Wolf.

found in the Junior List are quite ing for this contest. As students suitable to be given by the younger | become more familiar with their students. In addition, the bibliog- declamations, they have more time raphy in the Junior List cites a to concentrate on the mechanics of number of poetry books which what to do with hands and feet, the sub-juniors. (Prescribed List audience. of Junior Declamations, price 10 | Story-Telling is restricted to last League.)

The mechanics of bodily poise method. The League does not restrict the and ease of delivery should be

contain poems especially suited to and how to relax before an

cents, available from Interscho- students in second and third grades. A story is read once to Teachers of elementary declaim- the youngsters and then one at a ers should make sure that the settime (not in the presence of the lections chosen by their students the others) each tells the story in are well within the range of the his own words. The objectives are students' understanding. Much spontaneity, originality, and natuharm can be done to the proper ralness of delivery. If the student growth and appreciation of the forgets the plot, he makes it up in Though the League does not young declaimers if they merely his own way and continues until he necessity call upon a variety of bind a grade school meet to the repeat "parrot-like" the words of is through talking. Such training skills on the part of the elemen- rules suggested in the Constitu- a poem whose meaning is not clear teaches the young student to think tary classroom teacher. Speech tion and Rules, Sub-Junior Decla- to them. Teachers should strive on his feet and crystalizes his voskills permeate all social behavior mation should follow the rules always for naturalness and sin- cabulary into an effective presendetails through the extempore

> Teachers can train for this contest by following the rules of the Story-Telling Contest as found in the Constitution and Rules, page 50.

Each year hundreds of chil-Convention Celebrates 25th Anniversary dren's books are published, and teachers have difficulty in finding The Texas Speech Association of the completed history of the pearing on the panel included, the Youth Building. Mrs. Murphy the right material for use in conheld its Silver Anniversary Con- Association was made by Bruce Ernest Sublett, Abilene; Mrs. furnished beautiful centerpieces nection with Story-Telling. Of vention in the Youth Building of Roach, editor-historian. Main James N. Perry, Flour Bluff; John and decorations carrying out the course, the best method of selecting suitable material is to go to a On Saturday morning Area reputable book store and browse through the children's books until Meetings were held in the fields the teacher finds what he needs. of Drama, Radio, Forensics, In-Among the new children's books terpretation and Speech Correcthat have been published, these tion. A great many of the members of the Texas Speech Assomight be of help to teachers interested in promoting Story-Tellciation made contributions to ing. (All of these books are availthese programs, all of which used panels as the major parts able from the Texas Book Store, 2244 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas.)

win Schmidt. John C. Winston

Co., 1950, \$1.50. A strange team

of a six-year-old girl and a kindly

old man have all sorts of adven-

tures. Well written and inter-

Thornton Burgess Story Book

by Thornton Burgess. Grossett

and Dunlap, New York, \$1.98. The

found on a farm. Most of the

Our Country's Story by Frances The convention was arranged Cavanah, illustrated by Janice locally by the San Antonio Speech Holland. Rand McNally Co., New Association under the chairmanship of Jeston Dickey and Xemina York, 1946 and 1950, \$2.50. Excellently written glimpses into our national heritage. Stories are short, accurate and interesting.

At the Executive Council meeting at the conclusion of the con-Good book for teaching history vention, a committee was apalong with the art of Story-Telling. pointed to see that the Course of American Childhood's Best Study be put in shape ond published soon after the first of the Books. American Crayon Co., year. The committee is composed Sandusky, Ohio, 1950, \$2.50. of Chairman Crannell Tolliver, Splendid adaptations of Aesop's WTSC, Canyon; Jesse Mercer, fables, well-known fairy tales, Amarillo High School; Mrs. Nan | childhood poetry, and other selection Elkins, Baker Junior High School, tions. Excellently done. Most of Austin. The committee invites the selections are short. University of Houston; Theodore Study. Maggie Muggins Stories by suggestions, on the Course of Mary Grannan, illustrated by Ed-

#### speech and the problem of Latin-American accents in jun School, Dallas. Each of the committee members was instructed to hold a meeting of interested teach- Aids Texas Teachers

Placement Service received 387 July calls for teachers and made chairman of the Auditorium and 178 placements.

Elementary section, provided a There were 520 calls for teachers man of the Senior High School of the Texas Education Agency. teachers; others were for high-

of the program.

The University of Texas Teacher

creator of Peter Rabbit tells a whole bookful of animal stories, coffee hour for the entire Associa- and 59 placements in June. About all stressing a healthy attitude Mattie Bess Coffield was char- tion honoring the staff members half the calls were for elementary toward animals. Farm Stories by K. and B. Jackpresided. The luncheon guests section and assigned quite a panel State Board members and out- school teachers, college teachers, son. Illustrated by Gustaf Tengheard Mrs. Eugene Kurtz extend a to discuss the general topic "Meet- standing educators were present. and administrators, such as prin- gren. Simon and Shuster, New

#### welcome from the San Antonio ing the Needs in Fundamentals, Some 500 persons attended the cipals and superintendents, in that York. \$1.50. Excellently written Speech Association. Presentation Dramatics and Radio." Names ap- coffee session held in the foyer of order. and beautifully illustrated stories about all the animals and such

# League Work Called Preparation for Citizenship

(Continued from p. 1)

essential basis for the effective judges must be alert to actual modern conditions; they must not so separate themselves from the sense of reality; and they must recently called, "the sense of in- of Independence in 1836:

prising director can probably re- standing, approval and support of what they are doing. Doubtless educators are experts in their remember that since we are en- the students into false expecta- meet when they leave school. gaged in a public profession, the tions or hopes as to what they will enacted by school boards or the fourteen years after the Texas his staff deserve the congratula- the League. educational institutions.

> The point of all that I have been saying is this: that education, like the law, must be realistic in the highest sense, in that it must keep ever in mind the public purposes it is designed

to serve and by self-criticism and by careful consideration of the opinions of persons outside the profession, it must chart its course so as to gain and keep public confidence.

From its very beginning, the public educational system of Texas has been designed primarily as a sent to his proposition that the tunate in having at the head of not by their decisions provoke ship. This purpose was clearly what a learned legal scholar has expressed in the Texas Declaration edge of the adverse effects upon

"It is an axiom in political

restricted business competition, the contests which it sponsors. All would probably require some modi- sorts of dangers are constantly fication today. In fact, I doubt threatening to undermine or to that even in Emerson's day he destroy the League and its work, in competition is from the knowl- character and firm courage.

Declaration of Independence was tions and hearty thanks of the written, Ralph Waldo Emerson people of Texas for the outstanding work that they have done in "Every child of the Saxon race this very important field. The is educated to wish to be first. It prestige of the University Interis our system; and a man comes to scholastic League does not rest measure his greatness by the re- entirely upon the age and the size grets, envies, and hatreds of his of the League, but also perhaps

more significantly upon the very This statement, written in the high type of its leadership and the golden days of free and un- high standards which are set for would have received universal con- and we have been extremely for-

of the feelings of the victor in League sponsors such a variety of came to medical school were un-My own personal interest has

been centered in the literary contests, and particularly in debate. These, I believe, were the original contests sponsored by the League, and I hope the day will never come when the League abandons them. In any be here.

type of work, experience shows that the ability to speak in public and to express one's thoughts in a clear and reasonably pleasing manner is a most valuable

I encountered an illustration of the truth of this statement remeans of preparation for citizen- satisfaction derived from success the League men of unquestioned cently when I was at the Medical dom House, New York, 1950, Branch of The University of Texas The result of having the League at Galveston, where I was told by the defeated opponents. My own under such guidance and leader- the members of a visiting comview would be that the real satis- ship is that boys and girls in our mittee of the Association of Likewise, in my opinion, edu- science that unless a people are faction is in the knowledge that a public schools are able to take part American Medical Colleges that cators must be mindful of the educated and enlightened it is idle difficult task has been completed in competition of many kinds they felt that one of the deficiences basic purpose of public education to expect that continuance of civil and well done. But regardless of under the most favorable con- in pre-medical education was that and of the need for popular under- liberty or the capacity of self the correct psychological analysis ditions. As you all know, the the young men and women who The education which the rugged competition, the important point contests that something is offered able to get up on their feet and individuals who wrote the Texas is that competition still exists more for almost every type of boy or give a clear explanation of their special fields and their opinions on Declaration of Independence had or less in every walk of life and girl. The value of the athletic ideas upon medical questions. Americans have been written up so far. The individual incidents in the technical aspects of their pro- in mind undoubtedly included a that an important part of educa- contests is obvious, in directing Some of them even expressed the fessions are entitled to very great, preparation of young people to tion is therefore to prepare young the almost boundless energy of view that it would be of value to if not conclusive, weight. But in deal with life as it actually exists. boys and girls to engage in the young people into wholesome chan- give in to the Medical School itself education, as in the law, we must Obviously education which deludes competition that they will have to nels. The support which this ath- a course in public speaking. It O'Brien. Steck Co., Austin, Texas, letic program receives from the goes without saying that such \$1.50. The true story of a natural-It is in this particular field that public is sufficient evidence of its training can be much more effectist who took a baby bear and public is entitled to express itself encounter after they leave school in my opinion the Interscholastic value and importance. Of course tively done if it is started before raised it. Photographs of the newspaper office. A friend of one freely about what we do and how is not only not a public benefit League is performing an outstand- the music competition appeals to the students become mature men growing bear are liberally sprinwe do it. It is certain that if we do but it actually does positive harm. ing public service. I am sure that those boys and girls who have and women, as they ordinarily are kled through the book. not gain and keep public confi- One of the basic facts of living you are all acquainted with the aptitude in that line. I can speak in medical school. In this field in dence and respect, the public has which must be faced today is that facts, of which the League and its about this from personal knowl- particular, I believe that the Intervery direct ways of showing its competition, in spite of govern- officers are justly proud, that this edge, because one of my sons is scholastic League, in sponsoring Harcourt, Brace Co., New York, disapproval by cutting off or re- ment regulations and other modi- is not only the oldest but also the keenly interested in the Austin its literary contests, is making an \$2.50. The tale of a little prinducing legislative appropriations, fying factors, is still a very im- largest league of this character in High School band and the band outstanding contribution to realis- cess who wanted the moon and

And now, to show that I have The Secret Valley by Clyde learned in the Interscholastic Paull. Crowell Co., New York, League contests in which I par- \$2.50. The incidents that hapticipated some 31 years ago, having pened along the way to the chilsaid my say I will sit down. It dren of a family traveling to Calihas been a pleasure to be with fornia during the Gold Rush days. you; thank you for asking me to Good citizenship qualities are

stories are written in a humorous Tales from Anderson, retold by Sarah K. Wright, illustrated by Roberta Paflin. E. P. Dutton, New York, \$1.50. Seven of the famous Anderson fairy tales are simplified and retold. Excellent selection and above average job in cutting and simplifying.

Once Upon a Time by Dobbs, illustrated by Flavia Gag. Ran-\$2.00. Twenty stories, some old, some new, but all well within the grasp of a second or third grader. The stories are short and are particularly adapted to the Story-Telling Contest.

George Washington, Boy Leader by Augusta Stevenson. Bobbs, Merrill Co., New York, \$1.75. This is one of the Childhood of Famous American series. Some fifty-four Americans have been written up so each of the lives are short and historically accurate.

Barney by Esse Forrester

illustrated by Louis Slobodkin. how she got it.

not entirely forgotten all that I Robert Bulla, illustrated by Grace

## Physical Education Authority Raps Elementary School Football Activity

BY DR. ELDON BRINLEY Chairman, Dept. of Health and Physical Education, Texas A&I

(Note: Dr. Brinley, Director General of Region VII, has a 16-year background as player and coach of football, both on a college and high school level. An All-Rocky Mountain Conference tackle, and mentioned on All-American basketball selections, he is both an outstanding athlete, and a successful coach. He writes from experience here, for he has also supervised elementary and junior high school PE programs.)

During discussions of elementary school interschool football years will result. problems, I have been somewhat surprised at the number of stuof the implications of such activity, who have asked, "Why isn't football in the grades OK?" Some years ago I felt the same way, having come up through an extensive athletic program experience.

I am listing here some of the reasons why I believe that interschool football should not be a part of the present elementary school athletic or physical education program.

May I say at the outset that I am conscious of the rightful place of football and fully aware of the advantages of such competitive sports. But I maintain that the disadvantages far outweigh these, and that every consciencious person genuinely interested in the progress and development of youth in a democratic society should elementary football competition before inserting it in his program. dence available will convince any reasonable person that football in not be justified.

interested in seriously examining Committee reclassify schools. the fact, I shall be happy to send any person gratis a compact bibli- the smallest high schools to the tire of this when it happens game ography of the various studies and very largest high schools and, con- after game, season after season. recommendations concerning this tradictory to many opinions, the Thus the poor coach and adminisproblem by some of the outstand- small schools were given para- trator have more and more ing thinkers, leaders and medical mount consideration by the Com- troubles heaped upon them. And men who have been concerned mittee. This office has received discouragement and discontent is with objective studies. It is hoped hundreds of letters on reclassifica- to contagious an emotion not to that the following treatise may tion, and we are turning the re- affect these important leaders in provide food for thought and a maining portion of this column the community school. careful analysis of the total situ- over to one such letter which is

Among the reasons why football competition on the elementary school level is not justified

age. Activities promoted during administrator hoped that many of 5. Injuries mount out of prohave a tremendous effect upon the hopeful solution was that wholefuture of the individual from a sale consolidation would eliminate players. psychological and physiological the low enrollment boogie which stand. This is a time in the child's has been an abiding fear in both life when the physical and mental accreditation with the state agency foundation is laid for his future. and in Interscholastic League The chances of negative results competition. Alas, that hope has are too great to risk at this level. not materialized in wholesale lots, "As the twig is bent. . . ."

high school player. This is often more infrequent. a surprising fact to the average that "the sooner you start 'em the better and faster they will develop." The best psychological ing as "community" schools. . . . evidence to date debunks such a theory. Experiments have shown time and again that until the maturation and readiness stage to keep pace. . . There is one has been reached, teachers are "spinning their wheels." Whether it be the so-called mental or physical activities makes little difference; the ultimate ability of a person can not be upgraded because of a premature start. You for reclassification: can not make a better adult walker | 1. Many communities with a out of a person by teaching him high school of less than 100 want

this general pattern is apparent in | any school will disclose this fact. be the outcome, and serious mental limpressionable age group. and physical disturbances in later | 5. It is not conducive to good

dents and coaches, totally unaware and attention is given to the num-ture. Every fundamental in this

are few instances where a school is an additional problem. can provide a well-trained and Other reasons can be cited, and gram. A close observation of most | the Leaguer.

the so-called mental activities. I By well-trained I do not mean just have seen several children "bal- a person who has played varsity loon" in learning during the pre- or professional football, but one school years when parents have who is well-grounded educationally started in pre-kindergarten age to | in the professional field of physical build, only to have such a child education, health, education, and "fizzle" out during later years. allied fields necessary to under-If such a practice is followed the stand the physiology, psychology, opposite affect will more probably kinesiology of handling such an

posture. Few individuals have 3. It is undemocratic at this realized that fundamentally footlevel. Money, leadership, time, ball is a hindrance to good posber of pupils in the program all sport tends to develop the flexor out of proportion to that devoted muscles at the expense of the to other activities. There is not extensors. Such a process during room for every one to participate | the younger years can only exag--not even all who so desire. gerate poor body mechanics and Fundamental principles of educa- tend toward a "muscle bound," tion uphold the belief of equal round-shouldered, and incorrect opportunity, participation and in- skeletal alligned development. This struction for all elementary school is ignoring the physical liabilities that develop through the various 4. Leadership is poor. There injuries incurred in football, which

capable person to head such a pro- will be given in the next issue of

## Postscripts on Athletics

study thoroughly the problem and schools is a sincere attempt to 2. In the present classification be able to justify intellectually equalize competition among mem- many of these schools are placed ber schools participating in foot- with Class B schools whose enrollball and basketball. Hundreds of ment is nearly 200. . . . These I believe that a careful and ana- suggestions were considered, and nearly Class A schools can field lytical investigation of the evi- many, many hours were spent in teams with as many as 33 players trying to work out a formula for | -three whole teams. The lessclassifying schools which would than-100 school can field one team the elementary school or even better our over-all state program. with perhaps four or five hangers-Junior High School at present can The problem has been under study on called substitutes. For perhaps since 1946, with several com- three quarters of the game, the Space does not permit a docu- mittees having served. This fall small school may play a larger mentation of the thesis presented the Legislative Advisory Council school an even game, only to have here, but should the reader be asked that the State Executive the force of numbers wear them

The reclassification reaches from typical of the many received. This for greener pastures although they letter is from Superintendent E. would perhaps be satisfied to re-

1. It deals with a vulnerable came law, the small high school school is disheartening. and it appears now that further 2. It will not produce a better consolidation will be more and

There is evidence that the Texas football coach since his belief is Education Agency realizes that there will be many high schools with less than 100 A.D.A. remain-

No doubt the authorities of the UIL are also aware of this problem and are making plans phase of this many-sided problem that could be corrected by the UII, for the 1951 football season. It is reclassification of Conference B schools.

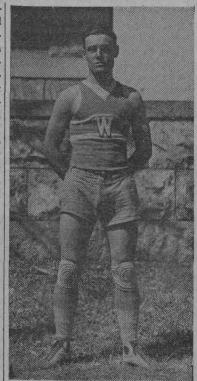
These are some of the reasons

to walk before he is ready, and to play 11-man football. They do

## Do You Remember When?

BENNIE WAS BEST SPORT-Back in 1912, Bennie Strickland of Waco High School was a member of the Waco basketball team which lost out only in the semifinal match of the State Tournament. As a result of his sterling play and attitude during the tournament Bennie was voted the medal for "outstanding sportsmanship." That year he was a senior at Waco High, and was completing a highly successful career as a school-boy athlete. He had lettered as a member of the football, baseball and basketball teams for two years, and had competed in track. In addition, Bennie held an A level in

From Waco High, Bennie went to Baylor University, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball, achieving wide recognition as a rugged competitor and a good sport. For a number of years after graduation, he continued working in the sports field, playing professional football for a time, and serving as director of the Austin public schools. At pres- business at Houston.



The recent reclassification of not want to play Six-Man football. out for a run-away fourth quarter.

3. Parents and supporters soon

4. Capable coaches soon look W. Townsend of Mirando City: main if they could make a fair showing against competition. The When the Gilmer-Aikin bills be- turn-over of coaches in this size

to face a constant stream of fresh

6. The boy in the small school has a right to the advantages of interscholastic football competition, and he has the right to expect that it will be with schools of his

7. Patrons feel that they have the democratic right to choose whether they want 11-man or sixman football. They also feel that they have the right to competition There are no girls' teams compet- to allow for vigorous activity. with like-sized schools if they choose to play 11-man football

These are but some of the major reasons for reclassification. They apply particularly to the small high school, but there is a suspicion that a similar situation exists in the present Class A conference. . . .

The following constructive suggestions are offered:

1. Create another conference to play to bi-district level, unless regions can be arranged.

2. Place schools of less than 100 A.D.A. in this conference. 3. Permit the schools in this

district to choose whether they shall play 11-man or six-man football. A majority of two-thirds, or over, of the schools in a given district shall determine the question.

vised to limit the size of a squad that suits up for a game. This should be commensurate with the size of the conference. This would interscholastic competition should be for the more capable boys.

Painter Made Director

Of Oak Ridge Institute President T. S. Painter of The University of Texas has been elected for a three-year term as a director of the Oak Ridge Insti-

tute of Nuclear Studies. The Institute, at Oak Ridge, Tenn., is sponsored by 26 Southern universities. It conducts a broad program of research training and education in the nuclear sciences through a contract with the Atomic Energy Commission. Dr. Painter has been a member of the board of directors since the Institute's

of the Institute.



JOE CHILDRESS

### Joe Childress Sets New Dash Records

Conference AA's 1950 Spring Meet was one of the most closely contested in Interscholastic League history. Odessa High School emerged from the struggle with first place and 57 points, but only did so by practically rewriting the Class AA track and field record book.

Ball High (Galveston), Beaumont High, and Amarillo High all pressed the winners, with 55, 53 and 40 points, respectively.

The athlete most responsible for Odessa's victory was a fleet young man by the name of Joe Childress, who personally wrote two new records and assisted in tying still another.

in the 100- and 220-yard dashes, school authorities. and played a major role in the record. His time in the 100 was ing room is strongly advocated. 9.2, and in the 220, 21.1, both new

A junior this year, Joe was comin every meet he entered during period of activity. the year, and wound up with all-round athlete in the school.

Joe plans to attend The Univer- be removed from the game. sity of Texas.

## 1796 Teams Play League Basketball

A total of 1796 basketball glasses during an activity. administrator hoped that many of period of these youngsters his troubles would be solved. The portion when a few tired boys have the portion when a few tired boys have be checked for hazards such as under Interscholastic League supervision. Of these, 1090 will be loose balls, slippery floors, and boys' teams, 706 girls' teams.

Official lists for the two divisions, released during the past month by Dr. Rhea Williams, Athletic Director, show 765 boys' teams and 562 girls' teams will be sturdy garment, made of washplaying in Conference B. Con- able material. Both shorts and ference A totals are 144 for the blouse should allow complete freegirls, and 219 for the boys. Boys' dom of movement. teams in Conference AA number ing in AA or City Conference.

figure. It is, however, far above heel.

# Girls' Basketball Requires Close Check On Health and Safety Factors in Game

only because girls like and want kept. to play the game.

techniques when, with a minimum of foresight, coaches can aid tremendously in the social cultural education of each player?

The factors listed below deal with the health, appearance and behavior of the individual players. These include many of the ways by which coaches may have, not just a basketball team, but a basketball team made up of girls who reflect the high standards and ideals of their coach, their school and com-

Good health and safety factors are essential in all athletics.

1. Each player must have a

2. Most authorities agree that s not desirable.

Joe's flying feet won victories proval of the girls' parents and

championship Odessa 440-yard re- should be held in clean and wholelay team. He joined with Howard some environment. This includes Dye, Jim Gerron, and Tommy Sal- the gymnasium as well as the mon to take the event in 42.9 sec- locker room, shower, and dressing onds, tying the all-time League facilities. Supervision of the dress-

5. The personal hygiene of the player cannot be overemphasized. All participants should appear in peting last year for the first time clean uniforms (including socks) as a member of the high school for all practice sessions and games. varsity. He won the 100-yard dash | Showers should be taken after any

6. Immediate first aid and Gail Smith was his coach in track. or undue emotional strain should

7. Training rules, such as adequate sleep and rest, and three well balanced meals a day, should be required. An appreciation for December 29 or 30. healthful living can and should be developed.

8. Guards for glasses should be worn by all students who need

extraneous objects.

The appearance of any team, especially a girls' team, is important.

1. The uniform should be a

2. The under garments should 79, and in City Conference, 27. be well fitted and sturdy enough

3. A good shoe for basketball The boys' teams total represents should have a half-inch of free toe a slight drop from last year, when space, a nonslip sole, a canvas 1094 teams competed. Since this upper, a sponge cushion insole to is the first year for the League absorb shock, a loose lining, and to sponsor girls' basketball, the a good heel counter, smooth and 706 total has no comparative free stitching in the middle of the

the total expected during the first | 4. Each player should be reyea rof this competition. The sponsible for her own personal initial membership indicates, Dr. appearance. Showers and use of Williams declares, a growing in- deodorants should be encouraged; terest in this sport and a hearten- hair should be firmly secured to ing endorsement of the League's prevent distraction; all jewelry girls' basketball plan of competi- should be removed; gum chewing should be discouraged; shirttails

team, or any team, is possible nalls should be short and well fit when played according to the ponents as your guests, and to

Playing basketball is educa- to follow the above recommenda- ball Plan: visory positions. Interscholastic to accept decisions of officials lose."

The player will be encouraged terscholastic League Girls' Basket- ship above victories. The impor-

tional but, should this educational tions and establish good behavior "The basketball code means to to excel and the good feeling it process be limited to skills and patterns if good examples are set play the game in the spirit of fair- fosters between those who play by the coach and those in super- ness and clean sportsmanship . . . fair and have no excuse when they

basketball code printed in the In- put clean play and real sportsmantant thing in sports is the striving

#### News and Views

### New Classification Wins Praise

By STAN LAMBERT Publicity Director, THSCA THE LEAGUE "DOOD IT"

The long-awaited reclassification is now a reality. It came with the them so vitally in the future. suddenness of Pearl Harbor, and, for most schools involved, with the complete physical examination years, very few were quite ready which should reveal her general for it right now. Its coming might lungs; chronic conditions; and de- parents who had made a mistake fects, such as knee, ankle and in their calendar calculations.

competition during the first two have been able to be in about 500 most amounts to compulsory classidays of a girl's menstrual period places at one time the Friday fication. Even fewer had antici-3. Transportation to out-of- Thanksgiving and to have seen the mous approval of all schools in-

## 4. Games and practice sessions 34 TSN Stations To Broadcast AA Football Play-offs

Thirty-four stations will broadcast the final games in the Conference AA state championship tances to travel will probably too well. We had expected at least football play-off. Beginning December 15 and 16, when the regional (quarter-final) games will be played, the member and affiliated Odessa High's vote as the best medical care should be available stations of the Texas State Netat every practice and game situa- work will keep almost every corner He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. tion in case of injury. Any girl of Texas informed on the games' Pete Peugh, 915 W. 22nd, Odessa. who suffers from injuries, fatigue progress. All broadcasts will be sponsored by the Magnolia Petroleum Company.

Abilene	KRBC	1
Amarillo	KGNC	
Austin	KNOW	1
Austin	KTBC	
Boy Town	KREL	1
		1
Big Spring	KBST	1
Breckenridge	KSTB	1
Big Spring Breckenridge Brownwood College Station	KBWD	J
College Station	WTAW	1
Corpus Christi	KWBU	1
Dallas	KRLD	1
Dallas	WRR	1
Dallas El Paso Fort Worth	KROD	
		1
Greenville	KGVL	1
Jacksonville Longview Lubbock Lufkin Marshall McAllen	KEBE	1
Longview	KFRO	J
Lubbock	KSEL	
Lufkin	KTRE	1
Marshall	KMHT	1
McAllen	KRIO	
Midland	KCRS	
Odessa	KOSA	1
Midland Odessa Paris	KPLT	1
Port Arthur	KPAU	1
San Angelo	KGKL	
San Antonio	KABC	
Sherman	KRRV	
Texarkana	KCMC	1
Tyler Waco	KGKB	1
Waco	WACO	1
Wichita Falls	KWFT	

papers expecting to read a little to the largest and shake the very

joy of V-J Day. Although all of ready for the AAAA (shades of everybody lets them know when us have been talking about it for F.D.R.). Many thought that the they are unhappy, it seems only axe between the two top brackets fair to us that we should also let would fall at 1,000, others at 750; them know that we appreciate a condition; condition of heart and also be compared to expectant but only those who had really most difficult job well done. studied the problem figured that Some quotes from the coaches: shoulder weaknesses. A medical Anyway it is here—and doesn't figures. But 850 it was. The 450-formerly A). "I am of the opincheck-up should follow all ill- have any of the earmarks of a top for double A had been anticipated. Few realized that the new Our idea of fun would be to plan would also contain what almorning after the Republican pated it would now take the unanitown games should meet the ap- pajama-clad coaches' eyes bulge volved in the higher classification folks who have been in Class A for a school to be "voted in." Nor, in our opinion, did many be-

SOME OTHER RESULTS

lieve that it could be done so fairly

to all schools involved.

LEAGUER, this writer would like to look a little further down the road and make some predictions as to what this reclassification will formerly AA). "Due to our locamean in the future. Longer dis- tion we do not like the new setup bring about the following changes: Brownsville to go into 4A with

of travel. Whereas we have enrollment was used as a basis. formerly thought that the band. We are doing everything we can to pep squad, and what-have-you had get them in, as it will give us one to be at all district games, the long good rival game in the valley. distances will make this concept financially and "Gilmer-Aikingly" I think the new set-up is good. impractical.

Semi-final games will be played play-by-play in particular) will be- that must play in the top conon December 22 or 23, and the come increasingly important. ference. championship game will come on School people will realize that I am in favor of having a playevery press box is going to have off between the two top confer-Stations carrying the broadcasts to be prepared to take care of at ences. I believe this will give us least two stations adequately. This the true state champion. 470 is true in far too few Texas sta-710 diums. It may even lead to there formerly AA). "I like the new set-490 not being room for the school up. I think that it will be recog-

> 1310 bus three hundred miles to play year, but I still think it is good)." 600 a non-district opponent won't do 1270 so when the blue chips are down in Duke Cross-Country 400 a conference game.

> 950 4. This probably will lead to Team Shows Its Spirit 400 more Saturday games in the areas There's a story going the where there is no conflict with the rounds, courtesy of Southern 950 | Southwest Conference.

HATS OFF

This writer has looked all over some sort of high in athletic co-910 the state for some opposition to operation. 550 the New Deal for the very simple Seems that in a recent cross-230 reason that he wants this column country meet at Duke University, 490 to represent a cross-section of all the Duke boys were making the 250 thinking on any given problem. meet a run-away. As the boys 960 Had we received any expression came down the home stretch, six 680 of opposition we certainly would of them leading the pack, they 910 have printed it. It follows logically joined hands and sang "Dear Ole 230 then, that Messrs. Kidd and Wil- Duke," the Duke alma mater song, 490 liams have done an outstanding as they cross the finish line in a 460 piece of work. For them to formu- six-way tie for first. That's some 620 late a plan that would affect every spirit.

as they unfolded the morning school in Texas from the smallest of the aftermath of a good foot- foundations of the League without ball season—and then see the getting any more squalks than headlines that would effect all of they have is little short of miraculous. It is seldom that they are in The Triple-A had been talked a position to receive the posies. about for years, but nobody was Therefore, in view of the fact that

ion that there are more advantages than disadvantages to the new set-up. Competition will be keener, teams more evenly matched, a bonafide state champion will probably result: also, we might get to have spring practice again after a vote. Out here in West Texas and possibly in another section or two of Texas, it's going to cause a lot of extra travel and expense. We may have a hard Aside from the results men- time completing our schedule. We tioned by the coaches in another have had nine conference games; section of this issue of the now we have four. One's too many; the other is too few."

Weldon Phillips, Harlingen (4A, 1. It will give us a new concept us. I understand that last year's

From a state-wide view point, It is just our tough luck that we 2. Thus, communication (radio are the only school in the Valley

Howard Lynch, Amarillo (4A, 580 board members to get in the way nized as a good move in the years 360 of the working press who are to come. It will be a good equaltrying hard to do a good job of izer for all size schools, big ones 490 publicizing the local football team. and little ones. The competition 3. Air travel, which has been will be keener, I think our disconsidered a luxury, will become a trict is a good example of that, 150 necessity with the more prosperous but we have been playing all of 030 schools anyway. A team that for- them, except San Angelo, any-1080 merly would bounce around on a way—(and they all beat us this

Coach and Athlete correspondent Dwight Keith, which illustrates

# Administrator Examines Reclassification Factors

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time to time. The plan of organi- conference games.

principles in setting up an organization of conferences? oninion on this question. A few considerations will be sug-

be played off within a reasonably rivalries.

| short time. The conferences | 4. Some method should be de- Superintendent, Amarillo Schools should be set up in such manner How should conferences be set as to determine a state championup for interscholastic athletics in ship team that may be recognized Texas? This is a question which definitely as the best high school has been faced many times. An- team in the state. There should be help to further the philosophy that swers have been attempted by enough schools in a district to schools. Under the present conchanging the organization from make at least half of the games ference plan in some districts the reason for a change in conferences be easier to make satisfactory

zation now in operation does not Although I am not familiar with ship every year. Some of the to be designated as THE State the athletic program. seem to be satisfactory. Much the exact details of the proposed smaller schools rarely win a con- Champion, assuming that the No plan will work out satisfacstudy has been given to this ques- plan of reorganization, I am defi- ference game. One of the prime larger schools usually win. With torily for every school. The prestion by the officials of the Inter- nitely in favor of the plan as I motivating forces in any athletic the present City Conference and ent plan, after several years of scholastic League and by the understand the general principles competition is the hope of winning the Double A Conference both trial, has been found unsatisfacmembers of the Advisory Council. of it. In brief, this plan would set at least occasionally. If only larger composed of the largest schools in tory by many schools. The Inter-What should be the guiding up a large school conference com- schools are pitted against each the state, neither conference can scholastic League officials and the There are many differences of Double A conference would be fairly well distributed for a period gested with no thought that they | top group and so on through the | ences with the largest schools, will | provide a full and complete other conferences. There prob- have an opportunity to win a fair Probably of first consideration for a higher conference to vote in sionally a district championship. would be as nearly equal competi- a school from a lower conference. It is sometimes said by losing tion as possible. Travel should be It seems to me that this would be schools that they are working on kept to a minimum. The number a commendable feature. Only in "character education." It is gen- number of schools in each district. majority of the school people of Rice Institute and Texas A&M of schools in a conference should this way can there be stability and erally accepted that even in char- Some of the districts now have the state are ready to go along health and physical education for ent Bennie is in the insurance College are other Texas members be such that the championship may the development of traditional acter education occasional success only four schools. This provides with the League officials in adopt-

Following are some of the | equal competition tends to prevent | Many times some of these schools is desirable.

This plan would provide more tivities. ments above a certain figure. The that the championship will be state championship. composed of schools within a cer- of years. Then, the smaller schools, tain enrollment bracket below the who are now playing in conferably should not be any provision share of their games and occais very important. Furthermore, only three conference games. ing this new plan.

nearly equal competition for all | Since the League does sponsor | barely pay expenses, With six or same school wins the champion- is to make it possible for one team playing schedules and to finance posed of high schools with enroll- other, there is a fair possibility really, with assurance, claim the members of the Advisory Coun-

With the present conference Double A arrangement the championship play-off takes too much time. The number of districts should be such that the play-off can be completed within three weeks after the end of the regular conference season.

reasons why it seems to me that overemphasis on football particu- must go almost across the state the large school conference plan larly by the smaller schools, to the to get pre-conference games. Some neglect of other worthwhile ac- of these nonconference games are of so little interest that they

cil have studied the situation for a long time and are now proposing a plan which they believe will provide most nearly satisfactory competition for the high school boys of the state in all sizes of schools. In the interest of the best possible contribution of high school athletics in the training of Fourth, there should be a larger high school boys I believe the great